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34. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein the tool is selected from the group consisting of a die, a punch, and a stamp.

35. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein the material comprises chewing gum.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the National Stage application identified above. Claims 1-35 are currently pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-2, 5-6, 8 and 22-26 remain unchanged, claims 3-4, 7, 9-21 and 27-31 are amended, and new claims 32-35 are added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present amendment be entered before the calculation of filing fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amendments to Claims 3-4, 7, 9-21 and 27-31.

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1 [or Claim 2], in which the relative intensities of the different points of the original image is determined by scanning the image into a computer.

4. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding] Claim 1, in which the image is analysed by dividing the image into separate picture elements, and determining the intensity of each picture element.

7. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the step of forming the article includes the step of forming a mould having a relief corresponding to the relative intensity of the points of the original image and moulding the article from a translucent material in the mould to form an article having different thicknesses corresponding to the different intensities of the original image.

9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 7 [or 8], in which the step of forming the mould is an engraving step.

10. (Amended) A method according to [any one of Claims] Claim 1 [to 6], in which the step of forming the article comprises the step of engraving translucent material.

11. (Amended) A method according to Claim [6, 9 or] 10, in which the engraving step is achieved using a numerically controlled engraving machine.

12. (Amended) A method according to Claim [6, 9 or] 10, in which the engraving step is achieved using laser engraving.

13. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the article is formed from a plastics material.

14. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims] Claim 1 [to 12], in which the article is formed from a confectionery material.

15. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims] Claim 1 [to 12], in which the article is formed from a soap.

16. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims] Claim 1 [to 12], in which the article is formed from a wax.

17. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the material includes luminescent particles.

18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, including the further step of providing a luminescent layer on or in the article.

19. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the article is formed of a coloured material.

20. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, including the further step of providing a coloured layer on or in the article.

21. (Amended) A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the article is made from a heat sensitive material whose light transmissive properties vary dependent on the temperature of the material.

27. (Amended) An article according to [any one Claims] Claim [22 to] 26, in which the material includes luminescent particles.

28. (Amended) An article according to [any one of Claims] Claim 26 [22 to 27], in which a luminescent layer is provided on or in the article.

29. (Amended) An article according to [any one of Claims] Claim 26 [22 to 28], in which the article is formed of a coloured material.

30. (Amended) An article according to [any one of Claims] Claim 26 [22 to 29], in which a coloured layer is provided on or in the article.

31. (Amended) An article according to [any one of Claims] Claim 26 [22 to 30], in which the article is made from a heat sensitive material whose light transmissive properties vary dependent on the temperature of the material.